GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Minimum Annual Production - Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 to link production of at least 60% of the Approved Mining Plan (AMP) quantities for treating the leases as working – Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 90 Dated: 17-12-2020

Read the following:

1) G.O.Ms. No.1172, Ind & Comm (B.I) Dept., dt: 04.09.1967.
2) G.O.Ms. No.183, Ind & Comm (M.II) Dept., dt: 27.12.2017.
3) From the DMG's e file No.INCO4-22021(31)/1/2020-JDMG-3, DT:04.05.2020.
4) Minutes of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 09.04.2020

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ORDER:-

In the G.O 2nd read above the Government has made certain amendments to Rule 12(5)(h)(viii) and 31(ix) of the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 to facilitate transfer of leases so as to continue quarry operations effectively.

2) The DM&G., AP., in the reference 3rd read above, while referring to the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble CM, vide Minutes 4th read above, has furnished a detailed information on collection of Dead Rents for the FY 2020-21 in respect of newly added 31 Minor Minerals and Granite, and revenue loss being caused to the Govt., exchequer in collection of Dead Rent as per the existing Rules. Since some of the lessees are misutilizing the provisions to evade such payments. He has stated that in case, 60% production level of AMP (Approved Mining plan)is considered as criteria for defining as a working lease, most of the quarry leases will have to be determined. He has, therefore, submitted a proposal to link production of at least 60% of the Approved Mine Plan (AMP) quantities duly revising the year-wise percentage of AMP, for treating the leases as working to enable the serious leaseholders to remain operational and to improve revenue from Seignorage fee by amending the rule 12(5)(c) of APMMC Rules, 1966 and also schedule IV there under.

3) The Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to accept the above proposal of the DMG, AP, to make necessary amendments to APMMC Rules, 1966, as amended from time to time.

4) Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an Extra-ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dt.17.12.2020

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), as amended from time to time, the Governor of Andhra

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Pradesh is hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 issued in G.O.Ms.No.1172, Industries & Commerce (B.I) Department, dt.04.09.1967 as subsequently amended:-

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

1. after clause (c) of sub-rule (5) of rule 12, the following shall be added, namely;-

(i) :- The conduct of mining operations at the lease Areas of Granite and the 31 newly added minor minerals shall be subject to the milestones listed in Schedule IV with respect to production ("Production Requirement") and the annual production to be achieved every year.

(ii):- The annual minimum production conditions as specified in the sub-rule (i) above shall be applicable to existing lease holders of the Granite and the 31 newly added minor minerals in the State with immediate effect and shall be incorporated in the Form-G accordingly.

(iii):- When the mining operations are not conducted in compliance with the production requirements as specified in sub-rule (i) above and such non-compliance exceeds for continuously three(3) years, the Director shall by an order declare the lease as lapsed and communicate the declaration to the lessee.

Provided that where the licensee or lessee submits an application to the Director within a period of one month from the date of receipt of such order and on being satisfied about the adequacy and genuineness of the reasons for the non-commencement of prospecting or quarrying operations or discontinuance thereof, the Director may recommend to the Government for revival of the licence or lease.

Provided further that such application shall be accompanied by payment of a fee of Rs.2,500/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundred) to the State Government. "

1. after Schedule III, the following Schedule shall be added, namely,-
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SCHEDULE IV
See Rule 12(5)(c)(i)

Year	**Minimum Annual Production (percentage of Approved Mining plan)**
Year 1	10%
Year 2	30%
Year 3	50%
Year 4 onwards	60%

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchases (Printing Wing), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to publish the above Notification and arrange to send 200 copies of each to the DM&G., AP., and to the Government)
The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
All the District Collectors in the State.
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The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government (Mines), Industries & Commerce Department
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (M&G)
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